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Mr Pat Patterson
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Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 21st. The tone of it is a little confusing to me. In asking The Philly Stars to let me have you, I had only one thought in my mind, that was to improve The Eagles. When they agreed to the trade I offered, I was pleased and did not think there would be any objection on your part to playing with us. All the men we have ever had seem satisfied with conditions. It is a known fact all owners want a winning team. We feel that you will help us. We have a lot of our players returning from the service, and should have a really good team. In negotiating with the Stars for you we feel we should not have any weak spot on the team.

Now about you being a free agent, in so far as organized baseball is concerned, when a man once plays with a team he is their property until he is traded or sold or released. I am sure you can understand if a ball-player could just quit a team any time he wanted to and go to another one, the team would never know who would be on it from one day to another.

You said you would not be able to report until late in May. You said you may go to school. I will assure you of my 100% cooperation in furthering your education. I of course would like all the members to be in camp in April, but where a man is in school he cannot report that early. Do you have any way of getting in condition where you are. I would like to know if you would be ready to play when you reported. I will give you \$350.00 a month salary. Please answer right away, so I will know what is what. If you will not report I will have to make other plans.

Very Truly Yours